

AMENDMENT NO. _____

Signature of Sponsor

AMEND Senate Bill No. 2428*

House Bill No. 2521

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by deleting all the language following the enacting clause and by substituting instead the following new language:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 34, Chapter 7, Part 1, is amended by adding the following as a new, appropriately designated section:

(a) The commission on aging shall develop and implement a statewide system to recruit, train, certify, supervise, coordinate and evaluate public guardianship program volunteers to assist the district public guardians in their efforts to maintain independence and dignity of their elderly wards. In developing and implementing such statewide system, input and resources shall be solicited from the department of health, the department of human services, and from interested organizations, including but not necessarily limited to community senior citizen centers, churches and synagogues having senior projects and programs under the auspices of the American Association of Retired Persons.

(b) Each such volunteer shall possess demonstrated abilities of compassion and caring for the elderly. The background of each volunteer shall be subject to appropriate inquiry and investigation. Such volunteers shall receive no salary but may receive reimbursement for travel expenses actually incurred while performing public guardianship program volunteer services.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 1996, the public welfare requiring it.